

PATENT

Docket No.: JCLA21973

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : HANNS-GEORG KLEIN et al.  
International Application No. : PCT/DE2005/000550  
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For : POLYMORPHISMS IN THE NOD2/CARD15 GENE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: